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A General IDEA *of the* STATE *of the* GREEK CHURCH.

"[c] SINCE the numerous Sects, which are now ſubſiſting in the *Levant*, are of " *Greek* Original; and ſince their Principles and Ceremonies, except in ſome " few particular Points, are all much the ſame, it will be very proper, in our Opinion, " to treat on the *Religion* of the *Greeks* (properly ſo called) before we deſcend to the " different Branches that have iſſued from it.

" The *Greek* Church, which is now dependent on the Patriarch of *Conſtantinople*, " was not formerly ſo extenſive, as it has been ſince the Emperors of the Eaſt have " thought proper to leſſen or reduce the other Patriarchates in order to aggrandize that " of *Conſtantinople*, which they could accompliſh with the greater Eaſe, as they were, " in that reſpect, much more powerful than the Emperors of the Weſt, and had " little or no regard to the Conſent of the Patriarchs in order to create new Biſhop- " ricks, or confer new Titles and Privileges. Whereas in the Weſtern Church, the " Popes have by ſlow Degrees, made themſelves the ſole Arbiters in all Eccleſiaſtical " Concerns; inſomuch that Princes themſelves are at preſent obliged to have Recourſe " to them, and be ſubſervient to their Directions on all ſuch Occaſions.

" There are ſeveral Catalogues, or Liſts now extant of the Churches which are de- " pendent on that of *Conſtantinople*, but as moſt of them are very antient, and do not " ſufficiently illuſtrate the vaſt Extent which that Church at preſent boaſts of, we ſhall " content our ſelves with producing of a modern Date the firſt as we find it quoted from " [d] *Nilus Doxopatrius* an obſcure *Grecian*, by *Leo Allatius* the ſecond, as 'tis inſerted " in Dr. *Smith*'s Letter concerning *the preſent State of the* Greek *Church*, for which he " aſſures us, he was indebted to the *Greeks* of *Conſtantinople*. It is proper to obſerve " in this Place, that the greateſt Part of the Metropolitans and ſuperiour Clergy " amongſt the *Greeks* retain to this Hour ſome particular Marks of Diſtinction, " ſome

[c] This is an Extract from Father *Simon*. I have borrowed the firſt Chapter of his *Critical Hiſtory on the Doctrines and Cuſtoms of the various Nations of the* Levant. The Reader is deſired to obſerve that whatever he finds throughout theſe Diſſertations on the Religion of the *Greeks* diſtinguiſhed by Commas reverſed, is copied from the beforementioned Father *Simon*.

[d] As the two following Catalogues may poſſibly prove an agreeable Amuſement to ſome of our curious Readers. I have inſerted them verbatim in the *Latin* Verſion only, juſt as I found them annexed to Father *Simon*'s Diſſertation.

A CATALOGUE *or* LIST *of the ſeveral* CHURCHES *which are dependent on the Patriarchate of* Conſtantinople, *taken by* Nilus Doxopatrius, *and quoted by* Leo Allatius, *Lib. I.* de Conſ. Eccl. Occid. & Orient. *cap.* 24.

1. CÆſarea Cappadociæ habens Epiſcopatus 8
2. Epheſus Aſiæ habens Epiſcopatus 34
3. Heraclea Thraciæ in Europa, habens Epiſcopatus 15
4. Ancyra Galatiæ habens Epiſcopatus 8
5. Cyzicus Helleſponti habens Epiſcopatus 12
6. Sardes Aſiæ habens Epiſcopatus 25
7. Nicomedia Bithyniæ habens Epiſcopatus 12
8. Nicea ejuſdem Bithyniæ habens Epiſcopatus 6
9. Chalcedon ejuſdem Provinciæ ſine ſubditis
10. Side Pamphyliæ habens Epiſcopatus 16
11. Sebaſtia ſecundæ Armeniæ, habens Epiſcopatus 7
12. Amaſea Helenoponti habens Epiſcopatus 7. cujus Epiſcopatus erat & ipſa Iberia.
13. Melitene Armeniæ habens Epiſcopatus 9. ex quibus eſt & Epiſcopatus Cucuſus, quo in exilium miſſus eſt aurea lingua Joannes.
14. Tyana ſecundæ Cappadociæ habens Epiſcopatus 3
15. Gangra Paphlagoniæ habens Epiſcopatus 3
16. Theſſalonica Theſſaliæ habens Epiſcopatus 8
17. Claudiopolis Honoriadis habens Epiſcopatus 5
18. Neocæſarea Ponti Polemoniaci habens Epiſcopatus 7
19. Piſinus ſecundæ Galatiæ habens Epiſcopatus 7
20. Mira

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" ſome Titles of Honour whereby they are reſpectively dignified and diſtinguiſhed; in-
" ſomuch that the Patriarch of *Conſtantinople*, when he writes to the Archbiſhops, or
" any particular Biſhops, never fails to inſert their proper Additions, notwithſtanding
" the neceſſitous Circumſtances to which they are reduced. The *Greeks* Time out
" of Mind have been peculiarly fond of ſuch honourable Diſtinctions, ſuch pompous
" and magnificent Appellations, which moſt People aſcribe to the natural Pride and
" Ambition of the Eaſtern Nations; but ſuch as are more favourable and candid,
" would rather chuſe to look on them as the Reſult only of Courteſy and Complai-
" ſance. Altho' the Church of *Conſtantinople* can now no longer boaſt of that flouriſh-
" ing State it once was in under their Catholick Emperors; yet their Eccleſiaſticks are
" ſtill as vainly fond as ever of their pompous Titles and Marks of Diſtinction. Nay,
" their very Recluſes are not entirely free from this Vanity and Oſtentation. And it
" is owing to this haughty Diſpoſition that the modern *Greek* Writers generally inſert
" ſome additional Titles of Honour in the Front of their Diſſertations, ſuch for in-
ſtance

20. Mira Liciæ habens Epiſcopatus 33
21. Stauropolis Cariæ habens Epiſcopatus 26
22. Laodicæa Phrygiæ Capatianæ habens Epiſcopatus 21
23. Synada Phrygiæ ſalutaris habens Epiſcopatus 20
24. Iconium Lycaoniæ habens Epiſcopatus 15
25. Antiochia Piſidiæ habens Epiſcopatus 21
26. Perge, ſive Sylæum Pamphyliæ, habens Epiſcopatus 17
27. Corinthus Peloponneſi habens Epiſcopatus 7. 1. Damalorum. 2. Argi. 3. Monembaſiæ, ſive Tenaruſiæ. 4. Cephaloniæ. 5. Zacinthi. 6. Zemenes. 7. Mainæ.
28. Athenæ Græciæ habens Epiſcopatus 11. 1. Eurypi. 2. Dauliæ. 3. Coroniæ. 4. Andri. 5. Oræi. 6. Scyri. 7. Cariſti. 8. Porthmi. 9. Aulonæ. 10. Syræ & Seriphi. 11. Cei & Thermiorum.
29. Mocyſus Cappadociæ habens Epiſcopatus 4
30. Crete habens Epiſcopatus 10
31. Rhegium Calabriæ habens Epiſcopatus 13
32. Patræ Peloponneſi habens Epiſcopatus 5. 1. Lacedæmonis. 2. Methonæ. 3. Coronæ. 4. Bolenæ. 5. Olenæ.
33. Trapezus Lacicæ habens Epiſcopatus 15
34. Lariſſa Græciæ habens Epiſcopatus 17
35. Naupactus Nicopolis habens Epiſcopatus 9
36. Philippopolis Thraciæ habens Epiſcopatus 10
37. Trajanopolis Rhodopes habens Epiſcopatus 7
38. Rhodos Cycladum Inſularum habens Epiſcopatus 12
39. Philippi Macedoniæ habens Epiſcopatus 7
40. Adrianopolis Hœmi montis habens Epiſcopatus 11
41. Hierapolis Phrygiæ Capatianæ habens Epiſcopatus 9
42. Rhodoſtolum, ſeu Diſtra Hœmi montis, habens Epiſcopatus 5
43. Dyrrachium habens Epiſcopatus 4
44. Smyrna Aſiæ habens Epiſcopatus 5
45. Syracuſæ Siciliæ habens Epiſcopatus 21. 1. Cataniæ. 2. Tauromineæ. 3. Meſſenæ. 4. Cephaludii. 5. Thermorum. 6. Panormi. 7 Lilybæi. 8. Trocalorum. 9. Acragantis. 10. Tyndarii. 11. Carines. 12. Leontines. 13. Aleſæ. 14. Gaudi inſulæ. 15. Melitæ inſulæ, quæ dicitur Malta. 16. Liparis inſulæ. 17. Vulcani. 18. Didymi. 19. Uſtinæ. 20. Tenari. 21. Baſiludii.
46. Catania, quæ cum Syracuſani eſſet Epiſcopatus, propter Sanctum Leonem in Archiepiſcopatus dignitatem provecta eſt.
47. Ammorium Phrygiæ habens Epiſcopatus 5
48. Camachus Armeniæ habens Epiſcopatus 8
49. Cotyaium Phrygiæ habens Epiſcopatus 13
50. Sancta Severina Calabriæ habens Epiſcopatus 5
51. Mitylene Lesbi inſulæ habens Epiſcopatus 6
52. Novæ Patræ Græciæ habens Epiſcopatus 4
53. Thebæ Græciæ habens Epiſcopatus 3
54. Serræ Theſſaliæ habens Epiſcopatus 57
55. Æonis.
56. Corcyra.
57. Meſembria.
58. Amaſtris Ponti.
59. Conæ Phrygiæ.
60. Pompeiopolis.
61. Atalia a Sylæo avulſa.
62. Paronaxia a Rhodo avulſa.
63. Lacedæmonia a Patris Peloponneſi avulſa.
64. Madyta ab Heraclea avulſa.
65. Abydus a Cyzico avulſa.

Archiepiſcopatus item qui Throno Conſtantinopolitano ſubjacent, nulli tamen Metropolitanorum obnoxii, neque ſub ſe habentes Epiſcopatus, omnes ſunt 1. Bizya. 2. Leontopolis. 3. Parium. 4. Proconeſus. 5. Cius. 6. Aſpros. 7. Cypſela. 8. Pfice. 9. Neapolis. 10. Selga. 11. Cherſo. 12. Meſenæ. 13. Garela. 14. Bryſis. 15. Dercus. 16. Carabyza. 17. Lemnus. 18. Leucas. 19. Miſthia. 20. Padachtoe. 21. Perme. 22. Koſporus. 23. Cotradia. 24. Codræ. 25. Carpathus. 26. Cotro. 27. Rhizæum. 28. Gothia. 29. Sugdia. 30. Phulli. 31. Ægina. 32. Pharſala. 33. Anchialus. 34. Heraclei. Hæ omnes civitates & Provinciæ Throno Conſtantinopolitano annumerantur.

The next Catalogue being ſomewhat more Modern, is much more conformable likewiſe to the preſent State of the Greek *Church.*

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" ſtance, as *Doctor of the great Church* [e] Protoſyncellus, and the like, by which, how-
" ever, they are not always able to diſguiſe or conceal their native Ignorance.

THE *Greek* Churches at preſent deſerve not to be called ſo much as the Shadows of what they were in their former flouriſhing State, ſo remarkably diſtinguiſhed for the learned and worthy Paſtors that preſided over them; whereas nothing but Servitude, Ignorance, and Poverty is now viſible amongſt them. " I have ſeen Churches, ſays " *Ricaut*, which were more like [f] Caverns, or Sepulchres than Places ſet apart for " Divine Worſhip; the Tops thereof being almoſt level with the Ground. They are " erected after this humble Manner, for fear they ſhould be ſuſpected, if they raiſed " them any conſiderable Height, of an evil Intention to rival the *Turkiſh* Moſchs." It is very ſurpriſing indeed that in the abject State, to which all Hiſtorians agree the *Greeks* are reduced at preſent, the Chriſtian Religion ſhould have the leaſt footing amongſt them: but doubtleſs this Happineſs ought wholly to be imputed to the infinite Goodneſs of Divine Providence. Their Notions of Chriſtianity, 'tis true, are principally confined to the Traditions of their Forefathers and their own received Cuſtoms. Among other Things we are aſſured that they are very much addicted to the external Acts of Piety and Devotion, ſuch as the Obſervance of Faſts, Feſtivals, and Penances: They revere and dread the Cenſures of their Clergy; and are bigotted Slaves to their Religious Cuſtoms, though demonſtrated to be never ſo abſurd: And yet it muſt be acknowledged, that although theſe Errors caſt a great Scandal and Reproach on the Holy Religion which they profeſs, they prevent it notwithſtanding from being intirely loſt and aboliſhed amongſt them [g]. A Fire, which lies for a Time concealed under a Heap

Another LIST or CATALOGUE of the Churches which now depend on the Patriarch of *Conſtantinople*; taken from Dr. *Smith*'s Diſſertation upon the preſent State of the *Greek* Church.

Catalogus Provinciarum, ſeu Metropolium & Epiſcopatuum Throno Conſtantinopolitano hodie ſubjacentium.

CÆſarea, cujus Metropolita dicitur *excelſus dignitate inter excelſos, & Exarcha totius Orientis.* Epheſus, Heraclea, penes cujus Archiepiſcopum conſecrandi Patriarcham jus uſque manet. Dicitur *Exarcha Thraciæ & Macedoniæ.* Habet ſub ſe quinque Epiſcopos, Calliopoleos, Rodoſti, Tyriloes, Metrorum, Myriophyti. Ancyra, Cyzicus, Philadelphia, Nicomedia, Nicæa, Chalcedon, Theſſalonica, cujus Metropolita *totius Theſſaliæ* dictus: habet ſub ſe novem Epiſcopatus, Citros, olim Gydriæ, Serviorum, Campaniæ, Petræ, Ardemerii, Hieriſſi & Sancti Montis, ſive Athonis, Plantomonis, Polianinæ. Athenæ, ſub quibus continentur Epiſcopatus quatuor, Talantii, Scirri, Solonis, Mindinitzæ. Pruſa, Trapeſus, Philippopolis, Philipporum & Dramæ, Thebæ, Methymna. Lacedæmonia habet ſub ſe Epiſcopatus, Cariopoleos, Amyclarum, Breſtenæ, Lariſſa, cujus Epiſcopatus ſunt Demetriadis, Zethunii, Stagonis, Thaumaci, Gardicii, Radobisbii, Schiathi, Loidoricii, Letzæ & Agraphorum. Adrianopolis, cui ſolus ſubjacet Epiſcopatus, Agathopoleos. Smyrna, Mitylene, Serræ, Chriſtianopolis, quæ & Arcadia. Amaſia, Neocæſarea, Iconium. Corinthus, ſub qua ſolus Epiſcopus, Damalonis. Rhodus, Novæ Patræ, Ænus Dryſtra, Tornobus, cujus Metropolita dicitur *Exarcha Bulgariæ:* habet ſub ſe Epiſcopatus, Lophitzi, Tſernobi, Preſilabæ. Joanninorum Metropolita habet Epiſcopos, Bothronti, Bellæ, Chimarræ, Drynopoleos. Euripi, Artæ. Metropolita Monembaſiæ habet Epiſcopos Eleos, Maïnæ, Rheontis, Andruſæ. Nauplii, Phanarii & Neochorii Archiepiſcopus. Sophiæ Metropolita, Chii. Paronaxiæ, Tziæ, Siphni, Sami, Carpathi, Andri, Barnæ, Cous, Leucadis, Veterum Patrarum Metropolita habet Epiſcopos Olenæ, Methonæ, Coronæ, Proconneſi, Gani.

Sunt adhuc Epiſcopi & Metropolitæ,

Mediæ, Soſopoleos, Prœlabi, Caphæ, Gotthiæ, Bindanæ, Didymotichi, Lititzæ, Buziæ, Selymbriæ, Zychnarum, Neurocopi, Melenici, Berrhœæ, Pogogianæ, Chaldææ, Pifidiæ, Imbri, Myræ, Santorinæ, Æginæ, Ungarovalachiæ.

In Moldavia quatuor tantum Epiſcopi regimini Chriſtianorum Eccleſiaſtico præſunt, Metropolita Cretenſis cum tribus ipſi ſubjectis Epiſcopis Sedem Conſtantinopolitanam agnovit.

[e] *Protoſyncellus*, is much the ſame Title as that of our *Grand Vicar.*

[f] The preſent State of the *Greek Church.*

[g] Such as are Admirers of cloſe Reaſoning, will perhaps cenſure this as too general and inconclufive. But 'tis not our Province to demonſtrate in this Place, that *the Chriſtian Religion alone and the Truth are in all Reſpects equal; and that therefore the Harmony and Agreement that there is between them can no more be rendered uncertain than Methematical Evidence; and that by Conſequence, neither the one nor the other can ever be deſtroyed, tho' their Authority may be ſuſpended for a Time by Sophiſtical Arguments, and foreign Additions. And altho'*

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